

May 1, 2004

To Interested Parties:

The 2004 Puget Sound salmon season structure was defined during Pacific Fisheries Management Council and North of Falcon (PFMC/NoF) public meetings that concluded in early April. These fishing agreements resulted from discussions involving state and federal fishery management agencies, tribal fishery co-managers, representatives of the commercial and recreational communities, and other interested parties.

This packet contains information concerning recent changes, stemming from those agreements, which apply to non-treaty Puget Sound commercial salmon fisheries. Here are some highlighted changes for 2004:

- “Quick Reporting” by fish dealers and fishers selling their catch under a “Direct Retail Sales Endorsement” is in effect for **ALL** salmon fisheries.
- Limited purse seine participation in the Area 7B/7C Bellingham Bay chinook fishery during weeks 34 through 36 (4 seine boats) and in the Area 8A coho fishery during weeks 40 and 41 (2 seine boats).
- A limited participation fishery (5 gillnet boats) is tentatively scheduled for Weeks 49-53, 3 days per week in a portion of Area 13 near the mouth of the Nisqually River.
- All Area 7 and 7A commercial salmon fisheries are subject to “best fishing practices” designed to maximize the survival of released salmon. These include:
 - Operators of all commercial salmon fishing gear types must complete a “fish friendly” fish workshop and be in possession of a certification card to participate in any salmon openings in Areas 7 and 7A, including chum openings.
 - Seine brailing required during **ALL** salmon openings in Areas 7 and 7A, including chum openings, and in Areas 7B and 7C prior to September 5.
 - Purse seine fishers may participate in a program to evaluate the use a rolling wedge in lieu of brailing if they employ a WDFW observer to monitor the catch. Fishers must register for this program by June 1, 2004. Each participating vessel will be required to pay \$100/ day (“opening”) for a WDFW on-board observer/monitor.
 - Seine vessels using two recovery boxes or a single two chamber box during all fishing activities will be allowed an additional 25% of fishing time, while vessels without the recovery boxes will be limited to 75% of the open period. For example, during a 16-hour opening, vessels not fishing with recovery boxes will be limited to 12 hours.
 - Gill net participation in the week 42 chum fishery in Areas 7 and 7A requires utilization of on-board recovery boxes, and soak time (first mesh in to last mesh out) for gill net sets is not to exceed 45 minutes.
 - Log books are no longer required in Areas 7, 7A and 9A.
 - During Fraser sockeye fisheries, shortened gill nets and seine landing limits may be required in-

season for specific openings when available catch is very limited.

- Gillnet vessels must use daily registration (hail in - hail out) during participation in Area 7 and 7A fisheries (See “Daily registration” on page 4):
 - To “hail in” the gillnet operator must submit: 1) their name, 2) a telephone number where they can be reached and 3) the specific area they will be fishing. This report must be made 24 hours in advance of each day of fishing (with exceptions for short-notice openings) by using FAX, E-mail or Toll-free telephone call.
 - To “hail out” the gillnet operator must call and notify the Department as they prepare to leave the fishing area and provide adequate notification as to where and when they will land their fish.
- Gillnet operators are required to use daily registration (hail in – hail out) in order to participate in chum fisheries in Areas 8A, 10, 11, 12, 12B, and 12C. (See: “Daily registration” on page 4.)
- Beach seine vessels must use daily registration (hail in - hail out) during participation in all beach seine openings (See “Daily registration” on page 4).

Tables on pages 6 & 7 compare this year’s fisheries to recent year past fisheries. Expected commercial salmon seasons are found on pages 8 & 9. Fishing seasons contained here are based on preliminary run size forecasts and are subject to revision. In-season updates of run sizes and actual catch rates may cause changes in fishing schedules. In-season fishery changes are announced on the Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW) hotline. Always review the WDFW hotline at 1-360-902-2500 before going fishing.

This publication is available in alternate formats upon request. For information regarding alternate formats please contact 1-360-902-2276 or TTD 1-369-902-2207 and allow seven (7) working days to process requests. This publication and other commercial salmon information is available on the WDFW website at <http://www.wa.gov/wdfw/>, then click on Fishing/Shellfishing and follow the links to commercial fishing information.

Sincerely,

Lew Atkins, Assistant Director
Fish Program

May 1, 2004

To U.S. Fraser Panel Convention Area Fishers:

As you know the Fraser River Panel of the Pacific Salmon Commission manages all commercial sockeye and pink fisheries in convention waters. The Governor appoints a Department of Fish and Wildlife staff person to represent the State of Washington as a member on that Panel. Other U.S. Panel members are appointed that directly represent the Tribes, National Marine Fisheries Service and non-treaty Commercial fishers. The Canadians have their own complement of government, First Nations and industry Panel members. We meet together bilaterally in April and May to develop pre-season fishing plans and also hold regular in-season meetings during the summer to evaluate run size, timing and other assessment data used to make decisions about fishery openings and allowable harvest.

According to the 1999 Annex to the Pacific Salmon Treaty, the U.S. share of the Total Allowable Catch (TAC) will be 16.5% in 2004 with the non-treaty share of the U.S. TAC being 32.3%. These U.S. and non-treaty share proportions will remain in effect through 2010.

Since 2001, as you probably know, both countries' ability to fully harvest their respective sockeye harvest shares has been impacted by conservation concerns for late run sockeye. This stock group has been entering the Fraser six to eight weeks earlier than normal and suffering high migration and pre-spawning mortalities. Because late run timing overlaps with abundant summer runs in the marine area, limited impacts on late runs can constrain the number of harvestable summer runs that can be harvested. The 2004 season will present a continuation of these challenges, with a very small late run and high overlap with a summer run dominated by Chilco Lake stock.

The 2004 pre-season forecasts of Fraser River sockeye have been calculated at various probability levels. Based on these forecasts there is a 75% probability that the total 2004 Fraser River sockeye run size will reach or exceed 2,872,000 fish and a 50% probability that it will reach or exceed 4,920,000 fish. These forecasts are somewhat lower than last year's pre-season numbers.

The Fraser Panel will not likely complete its 2004 pre-season fishing plan before early June. Discussions thus far are pointing toward low allowable impacts for late run sockeye (e.g., 15%) to help ensure that spawning escapements do not decline below extremely low levels seen in the 2000 parent year. The combination of these constraints, the relatively low 2004 run sizes, and significant overlap of marine timing expected between summers and lates, all point to very modest expectations for 2004 fisheries. Although the Fraser Panel has much planning work to complete, I would be surprised to see actual 2004 non-treaty catches exceed 2003 levels (84,000), but not surprised to see lower catches.

The details of the pre-season plan, including in-season decision criteria should be available in June. This information will be available on the Pacific Salmon Commission website at <http://www.psc.org>, while in-season updates and fishery announcements can be obtained on the NOAA Fisheries hotline at 1-888-858-9319.

Also please see the information in the WDFW mail out regarding new best fishing practices for Area 7/7A commercial fisheries in 2004, including the requirement to attend an upcoming "fish friendly" certification workshop where additional details will be available.

Sincerely,

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Intergovernmental Resource Management
WDFW Member, Fraser Panel

Regulatory Considerations

This document summarizes 2004 non-treaty Puget Sound commercial salmon fishing regulations agreed to during North of Falcon/PFMC meetings. A regulation pamphlet of commercial fishing rules affecting Puget Sound salmon net gears is also included for license holders. Others may obtain a copy of the commercial regulation pamphlet by calling WDFW at (360) 902-2700. Some Puget Sound commercial salmon information on catch areas, seasons and hotlines can be found on our website at <http://www.wdfw.wa.gov>. Click “fishing and shellfishing” and scroll down to the commercial links.

Tables on pages 6 and 7 show the 2004 forecasts, summaries of past run-sizes, catch, and days open for major non-treaty commercial fisheries. Pages 8 and 9 show the fishing schedule for Puget Sound all-citizen salmon fishing in 2004 based on preliminary pre-season fishery expectations only. Actual openings may differ from those shown in this document as WDFW will respond in-season to evaluations of run sizes, catch, and allocation. Fishers should **always contact the hotline to verify an opening before going fishing**.

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Hotline

For the latest regulatory information including seasons and emergency changes, call the WDFW hotline at:

1-360-902-2500

This is a regular long-distance call to Olympia.

Fraser Panel (NOAA Fisheries) Hotline

For information on fisheries directed at Fraser River-origin sockeye salmon in Areas 7 & 7A, contact the NOAA Fisheries hotline at:

1-888-858-9319

Gill Net – IMPORTANT POINTS FOR 2004 AND OTHER REMINDERS

Bird nets- Gill nets used in Area 7 and 7A sockeye and pink-directed (odd years only) fisheries must be constructed with 5-inch mesh, white opaque, minimum 210d/30 (#12) nylon twine in the first 20 meshes below the corkline.

Marking gill nets- Any gill net, attended or unattended, must have affixed within five feet of each end of the net, a buoy, float, or some other form of marker, visible on the corkline of the net, on which shall be marked in a visible, legible and permanent manner the name and gill net license number of the fisher.

Registration- Daily registration (hail in-hail out) will be required to participate during gillnet chum openings in Areas 7, 7A, 8A, 10, 11, 12, 12B and 12C. (See “Daily registration” on page 4.)

Gill net mesh size requirements-

Species Managed for:	Minimum Mesh Size	Maximum Mesh Size	Maximum Depth
Chinook	7 Inch	None	None
Coho	5 Inch	None	None
Chum	6.25 Inch	None	None
Fraser Sockeye/Pink Puget Sound Pink	5 Inch	5.5 Inch	60 Mesh maximum in Area 8

Return to daytime gill net fishing- Some areas and times have returned to daytime gill net fishing. Be sure to check the schedule carefully.

Areas 7 and 7A week 42 fishing for chum salmon- During week 42, gill net vessels in Areas 7 and 7A must: 1) have on board the gill net vessel and utilize a recovery box (*contact WDFW at (360) 902-2677 for a copy of plans to build recovery boxes*), and 2) limited net soak time (first mesh in to last mesh out) not to exceed 45 minutes per set.

Area 9A gear changes- Gillnets and skiff gillnets used in area 9A for coho are limited to a maximum length of 100 fathoms (600 feet) and maximum depth of 60 meshes. The beach area of the Port Gamble Indian Reservation, between Pt. Julia and the boundary marker at the south end of the reservation is closed to all fishing.

Purse Seine - IMPORTANT POINTS FOR 2004 AND OTHER REMINDERS

Release of Incidentally Caught Fish- Retention of the following salmon taken with purse seine gear is prohibited:

- Chinook in Areas 7, 7A, 8, 8A, 8D, 10, 11, 12, 12B & 12C at all times;
- Coho in Areas 7, 7A, 10, and 11 at all times, and 7B prior to September 5;
- Chum in Areas 7 & 7A during sockeye and pink directed openings.

Recovery boxes - Vessels using two recovery boxes or a single two-chamber recovery box during all fishing in area 7 and 7A will be allowed 25% more fishing time than vessels not so equipped and operated. Each box and chamber shall be operating during any time that the net is being retrieved or picked. The flow in the recovery box will be a minimum of 16 gallons per minute in each chamber of the box, not to exceed 20 gallons per minute. Each chamber of the recovery box must meet the following dimensions as measured from within the box; the inside length measurement must be 48 inches, the inside width measurements must be 10 inches, and the inside height measurement must be 16 inches. Each chamber of the recovery box must include a water inlet hole between 3/4 inch and 1 inch in diameter, centered horizontally across the door or wall of chamber and 1 3/4 inches from the floor of the chamber. Each chamber of the recovery box must include a water outlet hole opposite the inflow that is a least 1 1/2 inches in diameter. The center of the outlet hole must be located a minimum of 12 inches above the floor of the box or chamber. The fisher must demonstrate to WDFW employees, fish and wildlife enforcement officers, or other peace officers, upon request, that the pumping system is delivering the proper volume of fresh saltwater into each chamber. Any fish that is bleeding or lethargic must be placed in the recovery box prior to being released.

Special Handling for species required to be released- In addition to the requirement to land all salmon on deck with the hatch cover(s) closed, brailing is required during **ALL** fishery openings in Areas 7 & 7A, and during 7B & 7C chinook-directed fishing. All salmon captured in the seine net must be removed using a brailer or dip net*.

All salmon must be immediately sorted and those required to be released must be placed in an operating recovery box or released into the water before the next brail may be brought on the deck.

- Small numbers of fish may be brought on board the vessel by pulling the net in without mechanical or hydraulic assistance.

A brailer is defined as:

- A bag of web hung on a rigid hoop attached to a handle;
- the bag shall be opened by releasing a line running through rings attached to the bottom of the bag;
- the web shall be of a soft knotless construction and the mesh size may not exceed 57 mm (2.25 inches).
- A dip net is defined as a hand-held net with a shallow bag of soft, knotless web.

“Rolling Wedge” Evaluation - As a pilot project, the Department will evaluate the “rolling wedge” technique as a potential alternative to brailing:

- any vessel desiring to participate in this evaluation, according to the provisions identified below, must notify Don Noviello at WDFW (360) 902-2717 by June 1.
- each participating vessel will be required to pay \$100/ day (“opening”) for a WDFW on-board observer/monitor.
- gear specifications and fish handling intent will be defined as part of project design; a list of provisions will be developed for participating vessels that will require Department and vessel operator signatures (“formal agreement”).
- fish will be brought over the side of the vessel only rather than stern.
- no more than 125 fish may be on deck at one time

Fishing operations will be under the direction of a monitor/observer (and according to intent of evaluation) and any deviations from evaluation provisions may only occur by approval of on-board monitor.

Reef Net - IMPORTANT POINTS FOR 2004 AND OTHER REMINDERS

Reef Net salmon release requirements- Release chinook at all times, and release wild coho through September 30 (wild coho are identified by an intact adipose fin).

Beach Seine – IMPORTANT POINTS FOR 2004 AND OTHER REMINDERS

Beach seine openings- Daily registration (hail in-hail out) will be required to participate during all beach seine openings. See “Daily registration” on page 4. Beach seine open fishing hours are 7 AM to 7 PM Monday through Friday within these season range dates: Quilcene Bay - August 23 through October 1, and in the portion of Area 7B designated for beach seining - October 11 through November 6.

Beach seine areas/closures- Bellingham Bay: The portion of Area 7B (Bellingham Bay) designated for beach seining lies northerly and easterly of a line extending from Governors Point to the Red #2 bell buoy to the point where the pipeline from Tilbury Cement Pier contacts the shore.

Beach seine by-catch non-retention- It is unlawful to retain chinook and chum salmon taken with beach seine gear in Area 12A.

All Puget Sound Salmon Gears - IMPORTANT POINTS FOR 2004 AND OTHER REMINDERS

Take-home limits- It is unlawful for the license holder or crew of a Puget Sound commercial salmon vessel to retain for personal use more than the equivalent of one daily sport catch limit for the area being fished. **All salmon, whether take-home or sold, must be recorded on a State of Washington Fish Receiving Ticket.**

“Fish Friendly” Certification Required – All vessel operators fishing in Areas 7 or 7A must be in possession of a “Fish Friendly” certification obtained by attending one of two “Fish Friendly” workshops being presented in May and June by WDFW. Contact Don Noviello at WDFW (360) 902-2717 for details.

DAILY REGISTRATION - When daily registration (hail in-hail out) is a condition to fish in an area, the license holder must report 1) their name, 2) a telephone number where they can be reached, 3) the gear type, and 4) the area they will be fishing. This report must be made 24 hours in advance of **EACH DAY** of fishing by using one of the following:

- FAX transmission to (360) 902-2949
 - E-mail to psfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov
- or
- Toll-free telephone call to 1-866-791-1279.

To “hail out” the operator must notify the Department by phoning (360) 902-2949 as they prepare to leave the fishing area and provide adequate notification as to where and when they will land their fish.

Areas of special note in 2004-

- In Area 8D, waters of Tulalip Bay inside (easterly) of a line from Mission Point to Hermosa Point are closed to non-treaty fishing, but the outer strip remains open as in past years.
- Again in 2004, the portion of Area 7B referred to as the “Whatcom Creek Zone” (east of a line from Post Point to the flashing red light at the west entrance to Squalicum Harbor) will remain open to chum salmon fishing 7 days/week during the period 12:01AM October 24 through 4:00 PM December 4.

Limited Participation Fisheries –DRAWINGS FOR LIMITED FLEET PARTICIPATION

Enclosed is a form for entry into drawings for limited participation fisheries (per WAC 220-47-500). There is potential for the department to open certain areas to a limited number of commercial vessels over the course of the season where a full-fleet fishery may not be appropriate. Fishing plans for 2004 limit purse seine participation in the Bellingham Bay chinook fishery to 4 boats per week, and similarly, the first two weeks of the Area 8A coho season is limited to 2 purse seine boats. A limited participation gillnet chum fishery is tentatively scheduled in weeks 49-53 (5 gillnet boats). Other possible fisheries where full-fleet participation may need to be limited will be determined in-season.

Commercial fishers interested in being considered for limited participation fisheries must fill out the enclosed form completely and mail it to:

Attn: Don Noviello
Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife
600 Capitol Way North
Olympia, WA 98501-1091

The completed form **must be received by June 1, 2004** to be included in limited participation drawings.

Fish Sales and Fish Receiving Tickets - OTHER REMINDERS

Direct retail endorsement- An optional direct retail endorsement is available to natural persons (not available to businesses or corporations) who hold a commercial salmon or crab license and who wish to sell their catch directly to consumers. Holders of the endorsement can sell their catch only at a temporary food service establishments (as the term is defined by RCW 69.06.045), or directly to restaurants, or similar businesses. Fee for the permit is \$50.00, and complete details of requirements can be obtained by contacting WDFW's License Division at (360) 902-2464.

Quick reporting now in effect for ALL Puget Sound commercial salmon fisheries. Wholesale fish dealers must file a summary report of salmon purchases to the department by 10:00 A.M. of the day following the purchase. This summary can be submitted on the attached form, but if not should contain all the information shown in the attached form. Wholesale dealers, buying salmon from Catch Reporting Areas 4B through 13, may choose any one of the following methods to contact WDFW when making their summary reports:

1. Toll free 1-866-791-1279
2. FAX (360) 902-2949
3. Email psfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov

Direct retail endorsement holders must also make quick reports of their landings through one of these three contact methods.

Anyone wishing a copy of the summary report form can make their request for a sample through one of the above listed methods of contact.

Table 1. 2004 Preliminary Pre-Season Run Size Forecasts Compared to the 1994-2002 Puget Sound Actual Run Sizes.

Region	Species	2004 Forecast	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994
Dungeness	Coho	20,110	22,698	35,000	27,800	4,800	8,650	13,300	8,000	8,600	3,100
Nooksack/ Samish	Chinook	34,212	53,310	33,000	33,500	40,900	29,500	34,200	29,400	22,300	28,300
	Coho	104,110	121,014	157,900	128,900	75,000	56,700	56,500	92,800	88,000	91,000
	Chum	78,484	108,859	131,400	18,392	94,000	149,600	55,000	69,900	88,000	197,300
Skagit	Pink			1,098,200		352,300		106,600		1,390,700	
	Coho	178,602	84,638	136,400	85,400	n/a	98,300	45,700	27,400	24,000	56,700
	Chum	120,711	423,039	86,300	40,700	47,800	146,800	17,100	118,000	69,500	294,300
Stillaguamish/ Snohomish	Pink			1,943,400		474,900		226,500		364,400	
	Coho	278,900	279,931	479,300	254,900	100,800	229,500	127,700	113,600	182,700	258,300
	Chum	262,505	689,850	361,300	39,600	123,100	352,800	28,500	213,800	111,400	391,600
South Sound	Coho	349,668	273,178	367,000	396,000	61,400	135,500	217,500	199,500	301,900	430,600
	Chum	566,611	949,352	940,800	241,800	234,500	682,700	130,700	634,600	442,000	557,600
Hood Canal	Coho	141,885	137,950	178,200	67,500	53,100	138,600	149,000	68,700	75,700	113,600
	Chum	476,886	892,755	793,400	150,000	147,300	575,300	456,600	821,100	606,000	961,800

Notes: The 2004 forecasts may be updated throughout the pre-season and in-season period.
Run sizes are based upon hatchery and wild fish entering Puget Sound (4B run size).
Coho forecasts can also be found on the 2004 North of Falcon page on the WDFW website.
Chum run sizes are fall chum components only.
2003 run sizes are not available at this time.

Table 2. 1994-2003 Puget Sound All-Citizen Commercial Salmon Net Catch and Fishing Days (Major Regional Fisheries).

Region	Species	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994
Puget Sound All-Citizen Salmon Terminal Net Fishery Catch (round numbers)											
Dungeness	Coho	1,200	3,700	5,000	3,500	700	2,400	50	1,700	*	*
Nooksack/ Samish	Chinook	8,400	13,100	14,600	11,300	9,100	11,900	10,700	7,700	3,700	9,600
	Coho	9,200	18,000	17,800	15,600	10,100	7,800	2,700	14,100	18,400	18,900
	Chum	7,900	12,600	39,000	11,600	34,200	51,000	16,800	5,900	21,700	45,600
Skagit	Coho	*	*	*	*	200	*	9,400	*	130,200	*
	Chum	728	101,700	1,900	2,400	1,700	10,300	600	13,900	7,100	59,500
Stillaguamish/ Snohomish	Pink	146,700	*	*	*	700	*	*	*	*	*
	Coho-8A	600	*	300	*	20	*	*	*	*	*
	Coho-8D	200	0	700	1,100	240	300	0	300	0	0
	Chum-8A	2800	163,000	99,300	1,700	6,800	23,200	1,500	14,800	19,900	20,800
	Chum-8D	0	0	32	26	0	100	0	300	0	0
South Sound	Coho	400	*	600	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Chum	281,700	497,000	442,900	100,100	52,000	194,000	13,000	184,600	101,100	147,900
Hood Canal	Coho	3,000	*	600	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Coho-9A	4,000	2,300	2,300	400	180	250	900	0	0	0
	Coho-12A	200	300	600	1,200	40	700	600	600	*	*
	Chum	431,500	289,400	232,900	24,600	34,000	225,000	197,300	313,000	191,200	239,200

Region	Species	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994
Puget Sound All-Citizen Commercial Salmon Terminal Net Fishery Days Open											
Dungeness	Coho	25	35	31	27	24	25	20	19	*	*
Nooksack/ Samish	Chinook	7	5	5	6	5	3	4	3	8	10
	Coho	41	41	34	41	41	44	45	45	49	47
	Chum	30	30	14	16	27	31	25	43	35	25
Skagit	Pink	2	*	2	0	2	0	6	0	3	0
	Coho	*	2	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Chum	4	5	3		5		3		6	
Stillaguamish/ Snohomish	Pink	5	*	2	*	2	*	*	*	*	*
	Coho-8A	4	*	1	*	1	*	*	*	*	*
	Coho-8D	12	*	17	11	17	22	20	13	8	3
	Chum-8A	19	6	10	6	13	15	7	13	19	14
	Chum-8D	17	4	7	4	7	4	6	12	11	7
South Sound	Coho	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Chum	21	7	8	5	5	6	2	6	3	3
Hood Canal	Coho	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Coho-9A	65	63	42	42	42	49	49	35	35	35
	Coho-12A	30	30	35	35	35	30	34	15	*	*
	Chum	17	7	6	4	4	6	5	6	6	5

Notes: Catch table includes Non-Treaty commercial salmon catch in Puget Sound terminal areas only (does not include pre-terminal, sport or prior interceptions). All catches are rounded to the nearest one-hundred.

Large increase in total days fished during 2003 in South Sound and Hood Canal primarily reflect increases in gillnet days.

* Indicates no directed Non-Treaty commercial fishery occurred.

Corrected Table 3 as of June 11, 2004

Table 3. Weekly Open Periods by Management and Catch Reporting Areas, including Daily/Nightly Fishing Hours and Directed Species, for the 2004 Puget Sound All-Citizen Commercial Salmon Fishery as Agreed During the PFMC/North of Falcon Pre-season Regulation Planning Process.¹

Mgt. Week No.	Week Begins	Gill Net		Purse Seine	Areas 7 & 7A				Area 6D		Area 7B ⁵			Area 8		
		Daily Hours ²	Nightly Hours ²	Daily Hours ²	MGT	GN*	PS	RN ⁴	MGT	SKIFF ⁴	MGT	GN	PS	MGT	GN*	PS
33	08 Aug	6am-10pm	7pm-7am	6am-8pm	SKpk	Fraser Panel Control					CK	³		PKck	³	³
34	15 Aug	6am-10pm	7pm-7am	6am-8pm	SKpk	Fraser Panel Control					CK	M	W ^{6,10}	PKck	³	³
35	22 Aug	6am-10pm	7pm-7am	6am-8pm	SKpk	Fraser Panel Control					CK	Su,T,Th	W ^{6,10}	PKck	³	³
36	29 Aug	6am-10pm	7pm-7am	6am-8pm	SKpk	Fraser Panel Control					CK	Su,T,Th	W ^{6,10}	Pkco	³	³
37	05 Sep	7am-10pm	7pm-8am	7am-8pm	SKpk	Fraser Panel Control					CO	M,T,Th	T-Th	CO	³	³
38	12 Sep	7am-9pm	6pm-8am	7am-7pm	CO			Su-Sa			CO	Su,T,Th	M-W	CO	³	³
39	19 Sep	7am-9pm	6pm-8am	7am-7pm	CO	³		Su-Sa	CO	T,W,Th,F	CO	Su-Sa ¹³	Su-Sa ¹⁶	CO	³	³
40	26 Sep	7am-9pm	6pm-8am	7am-7pm	CO	³		Su-Sa	CO	M,T,W,Th,F	CO	Su-Sa	Su-Sa	CO	³	³
41	03 Oct	7am-9pm	6pm-8am	7am-7pm	CMco	³		Su-Sa	CO	M,T,W,Th,F	CO	Su-Sa	Su-Sa	CO	³	³
42	10 Oct	7am-8pm	5pm-8am	7am-6pm	CMco	W,Th ⁹	W,Th ^{10,18}	Su-Sa	CO	M,T,W,Th,F	CO	Su-Sa	Su-Sa	CO	³	³
43	17 Oct	8am-8pm	5pm-9am	8am-6pm	CM	W,Th	W,Th ^{10,19}	Su-Sa	CO	M,T,W,Th,F	CO	Su-Sa ¹³	Su-Sa ¹⁶	CO	³	³
44	24 Oct	8am-8pm	5pm-9am	8am-6pm	CM	W,Th	W,Th ^{10,19}	Su-Sa	CO	M,T,W,Th,F	CM ⁷	M-F ^{7,15}	M-F ¹⁴	COcm	³	³
45	31 Oct	7am-7pm	4pm-8am	7am-5pm	CM	W,Th	W,Th ^{10,20}	Su-Sa			CM ⁷	M-F ^{7,14}	M-F ^{7,14}	CM	³	³
46	07 Nov	7am-7pm	4pm-8am	7am-5pm	CM			Su-Sa			CM ⁷	M-F ^{7,14}	M-F ^{7,14}	CM	³	³
47	14 Nov	7am-7pm	4pm-8am	7am-5pm							CM ⁷	M-F ^{7,14}	M-F ^{7,14}	CM	³	³
48	21 Nov	7am-6pm	3pm-8am	7am-4pm							CM ⁷	M-F ^{7,14}	M-F ^{7,14}	CM	³	³
49	28 Nov	8am-6pm	3pm-9am	8am-4pm							CM ⁷	M-F ^{7,15}	M-F ^{7,15}			
50	05 Dec	8am-6pm	3pm-9am	8am-4pm												

NOTES: This table represents PRELIMINARY pre-season fishery expectations only; modifications to these expectations may occur in-season, as necessary for stock conservation and allocation. **Fishers are advised to contact the hotline at 1-360-902-2500 to verify any opening before going fishing.**

Codes: MGT=Directed Management Species; CK=Chinook; CO=Coho; CM=Chum; PK=Pink; SK=Sockeye
GN=Drift Gill Net; SKIFF=Skiff Gill Net; PS=Purse Seine; RN=Reef Net; BS=Beach Seine
* Daylight Gill Net Hours

Gill Net and Skiff GN Mesh Size restrictions:

CK = 7" minimum mesh
CO = 5" minimum mesh
CM = 6-1/4" minimum mesh
SK = 5" min., 5-1/2" max. mesh
PK = 5" min., 5-1/2" max. mesh
CO = 100 fathoms max length and 60 mesh maximum depth
in Area 9A (Port Gamble Bay)

Purse Seine Restrictions:

3 1/2" min. mesh in main body of net and in the bunt.
5-inch strip required in all except sockeye and pink fisheries.
12" gap corkline modification for sea bird escape.
Purse seines must use brailer in Areas 7/7A fisheries unless enrolled in "Rolling Wedge" evaluation.
Purse seine release chinook in all areas (except in Area 7B chinook-directed opening)
Purse seine release coho in Areas 7, 7A, 10, 11, and (7B prior to Sept. 5)
Purse seine release chum in Areas 7/7A through 9/30.
Other purse seine release requirements in effect. Refer to Hotline.

Gill Net Gear Restrictions:

Nets must be marked within 5 feet of each end of net.
"Seabird Strip" requirement for Area 7/7A sockeye fisheries.

Reef Net Restrictions:

Reef nets release chinook.
Reef nets release wild coho through 9/30.

Fishing Days: M=Monday; T=Tuesday; W=Wednesday; Th=Thursday; F=Friday; Sa=Saturday; Su=Sunday. Days separated by dashes denote continuous hours (24 hours/day). Single days or days separated by commas denote that daily/nightly fishing hours are in effect.

Late-Season Fisheries: Fisheries scheduled late in the season, especially those targeted at hatchery surplus, may be scheduled to open or close at any point during the week. Frequent contact with the hotline is advised. Also note that such late-season fisheries may include modifications necessary to achieve the desired harvest level; for example, shorter fishing hours, additional area restrictions, and/or limited participation.

All the above gill net and purse seine fishing schedules are subject to in-season adjustment. Always check the WDFW commercial fishing hotline at 1-360-902-2500 before going fishing.

Table 3. Continued

Mgt. Week No.	Week Begins	Area 8A			Area 8D			Area 10/11			Area 12/12B			Area 12C			Area 9A	
		MGT	GN	PS	MGT	GN	PS	MGT	GN	PS	MGT	GN*	PS	MGT	GN*	PS	MGT	GN-SK
33	8 Aug	CK	³	³														
34	15 Aug	PKck	³	³														
35	22 Aug	PKck	³	³													CO	T,Th
36	29 Aug	CK	³	³													CO	Su-Sa ¹⁷
37	05 Sep	CO	³	³				CO			CO						CO	Su-Sa
38	12 Sep	CO	³	³				CO			CO						CO	Su-Sa
39	19 Sep	CO	³	³	CO	Su,T,Th	Th	CO			CO						CO	Su-Sa
40	26 Sep	CO	³	M ⁸	CO	Su,T,Th		CO			CO						CO	Su-Sa
41	03 Oct	CO	T	M ⁸	CO	Su,T,Th	M	CO			CO						CO	Su-Sa
42	10 Oct	CO	T,Th,F	M	CO	Su,T,Th	M	CM	Su,T,Th	M	CM						CO	Su-Sa
43	17 Oct	CM	T,Th,F*	M	CO	Su,T,Th	M	CM	Su,T,Th	M	CM	T,W,Th	M				CO	Su-Sa
44	24 Oct	CM	M,T,W,Th*	M,W	CO	M,T,W,Th	M,W	CM	Su,T,Th	M,T	CM	T,Th,F	M,T				CO	Su-Sa ¹⁷
45	31 Oct	CM	T,Th,F*	W	CO	Su,T,Th	W	CM	Su,T,Th	M	CM	M,T,Th	M					
46	07 Nov	CM	T,Th,F*	M,W	CM	M,T,W,Th	M,W	CM	Su,T,Th	M	CM	T,W,Th	M	CM ¹¹	T,W,Th	T		
47	14 Nov	CM	T,Th,F*	W	CM	Su,T,Th	W		Su,T,Th	M	CM	T,W,Th ¹²	M	CM ¹¹	T,W,Th	T		
48	21 Nov	CM	T,Th,F*	M,W	CM	M,T,W,Th	M,W		Su,T,Th	M				CM ¹¹	T,W,Th	T		
49	28 Nov																	
50	05 Dec																	

Table Footnotes:

- \1 Openings are subject to change by emergency regulation in-season; Exclusion zones and in-season restrictions applicable to Puget Sound fisheries are described in WAC 220-47-307.
- \2 Hours are expressed in local time; Pacific Daylight Time (PDT) ends 10/30; the hours listed in Table 1 are in effect unless otherwise noted. Fisheries ending on a Friday close at 4PM per RCW 77.50.010(3) unless otherwise noted. Fraser Panel fishing times will differ from these hours. WAC 220-47-410 prohibits gill net openings in the Fraser sockeye fisheries between midnight and 1½ hours after sunrise, to provide protection to seabirds.
- \3 Fisheries cancelled or delayed to protect stocks of concern, per PFMC North-of-Falcon pre-season agreements.
- \4 7AM-7PM daily schedule in reef net, skiff gill net.
- \5 Fishing days in Area 7C are scheduled for the same days as in 7B during weeks 34-36; Areas 7B and 7C may be restricted later in the chinook management period and Area 7B may be restricted early in the coho management period to ensure hatchery escapement needs are met for Samish fall chinook.
- \6 Purse seines, 4 boats only. In 7B, weeks 35 & 36 contingent upon previous weeks total catch.
- \7 7B Whatcom Creek Zone open 7 days per week: 12:01 10/25 through 4:00 pm 12/3.
- \8 Purse seines, 2 boats only. Week 40 - waters north of line from Mukilteo Ferry dock to Clinton Ferry dock only.
- \9 Week 42, Gill nets: must use recovery boxes, and soak time (first mesh in to last mesh out) for sets not to exceed 45 minutes.
- \10 Brailing required unless enrolled in "rolling wedge" evaluation fishery. All prohibited species must be released or placed in a working recovery box prior to bringing next brail or wedge load aboard
- \11 Beach seine fishery (Hoodsport Hatchery Zone only) Weeks 46 to 48 pending discussions with PNPTC and Skokomish.
- \12 Gill nets, additional days dependant upon discussions with PNPTC and Skokomish.
- \13 Open 24 hours per day from 7 AM 9/19 until 8 PM 10/23.
- \14 Open 24 hours per day from 7 AM Monday until 4 PM Friday.
- \15 Open 24 hours per day from 8 AM Monday until 4 PM Friday.
- \16 Open 24 hours per day from 7 AM 9/19 until 4 PM 10/23.
- \17 Open 24 hours per day from 7 AM 8/29 until 8 PM 10/30
- \18 Purse seine fishing closes at 3:15 PM except for vessel fishing using a operating recovery box can fish until 6:00 PM.
- \19 Purse seine fishing closes at 3:30 PM except for vessel fishing using a operating recovery box can fish until 6:00 PM.
- \20 Purse seine fishing closes at 2:30 PM except for vessel fishing using a operating recovery box can fish until 5:00 PM.

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APPLICATION FOR PLACEMENT ON 2004 PUGET SOUND COMMERCIAL SALMON LIMITED
PARTICIPATION FISHERIES REGISTER

Application Deadline: This application must be sent to and **received** by Don Noviello, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Fish Program in Olympia **no later than June 1, 2004** to be considered for any limited participation salmon fisheries.

To Apply: Fill out this form and mail to:

Attn: Don Noviello
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Fish Program
600 Capitol Way North
Olympia, WA 98501-1091

Gear Type (circle one): **Gill Net** **Purse Seine**

Vessel Name: _____

U. S. Coast Guard Vessel Registration Number -or-
Washington Department of Licensing Number: _____

Department of Fish and Wildlife Registration Number: _____

2004 Puget Sound Commercial Salmon License Number: _____

License Owner Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Please circle the Catch Areas you wish to be considered for:

7 7A 7B 8 8A 8D 9A 10 11 12 12A 12B 12C 13

I hereby affirm and swear under penalty of perjury that the above information is true and correct. I understand that if my name is chosen for a limited participation fishery and I cannot be contacted after reasonable effort, I will be ineligible for the immediate fishery in question, but will retain my standing on the priority register. I also understand that if I agree or decline to participate in a limited participation fishery my name returns to the bottom of this year's priority register. (WAC 220-47-500(5))

Signature of License Owner

Date

